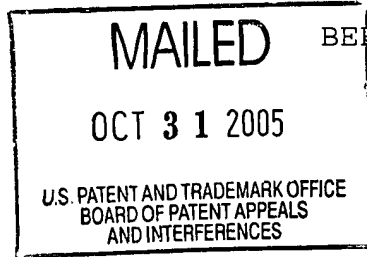


UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte PRAMOD K. SRIVASTAVA

Application No. 09/657,722

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on August 12, 2005. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below:

A review of the file indicates that on December 6, 2004, appellants filed an Appeal Brief under the new rules under 37 CFR § 41.37(c), which went into effect on September 13, 2004. The examiner mailed an Examiner's Answer in response to appellant's Brief on March 23, 2005. However, a review of the record reveals that the Examiner's Answer is not in compliance with the headings as set forth in the new rules under 37 CFR § 41.37(c) effective September 13, 2004.

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the examiner to vacate the Examiner's Answer mailed on March 23, 2005 and to submit a substitute Examiner's Answer which is in compliance with the new rules; and for such further action as may be appropriate.

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